

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2220 - SB 2306**

March 2, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014196):** Requires the attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner to conduct a review of a veteran's medical records to determine if a service-connected disability was the principal or major contributory cause of death, including when concurrent or comorbid health conditions exist involving COVID-19, prior to signing the medical certification of the cause of death, so long as the attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner knows that the deceased person is a military veteran and is provided with access to the veteran's medical records.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to information gathered from the Department of Health, there were 71,936 deaths in Tennessee in 2019.
- The United States Census Bureau reports approximately 6.2 percent of Tennesseans are veterans. Therefore, it can be assumed that there are approximately 4,532 (71,936 x 6.2%) veteran death each year.
- The proposed legislation is not expected to require an increase in physicians, chief medical officers, or medical examiners in order to review veterans' medical records.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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